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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by guest Chaplain, Reverend Shirley Caesar, Pastor of Mount Calvary Word of Faith Church, Raleigh, NC.

We are pleased to have you with us.

PRAYER

Let us pray:

Father, You have declared in Your word that, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."—Psalms 33:12. So, Lord, we realize that You are the only Supreme and Sovereign God, and we thank You for the blessing of living in a nation that is predicated upon a strong, Godly heritage. May we ever be cognizant of the fact that it is Your grace and Your mercy that have blessed our Nation to become a symbol of freedom, prosperity, and justice.

We are admonished in the Book of Romans that, "the authorities that be are ordained of God."—Romans 13:1. Therefore, Lord, we thank You for this governing body of the United States of America, we thank You, Lord, the men and women You have chosen to help lead our Nation. Father, we pray and intercede for the Senators who have convened here today, seeking Your guidance and will for our country. We pray in the name of the Lord that You will release a spirit of harmony throughout this session. Grant them Godly wisdom, knowledge, understanding, discretion, and courage. Cause their wills to concede to Your will. Let Your vision become their vision and Your desires their desires. By doing so, Lord, we are assured that our Nation will continue to live out and fulfill the true meaning of its calling.

We ask these blessings in the Name of our Lord. Amen, and Amen.

Mr. HELMS addressed the Chair.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able senior Senator from North Carolina is recognized.

Mr. HELMS. I thank the Chair.

THE GUEST CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, it was about four months ago that I called the Senate's distinguished chaplain and suggested that he might consider inviting Rev. Shirley Caesar of Raleigh, North Carolina, to serve as the U.S. Senate's guest chaplain on some mutually convenient occasion.

I recall Dr. Ogilvie's response—a friendly suggestion that I tell him about Pastor Caesar. I replied that I would do better than that—and I did, by sending Dr. Ogilvie a copy of a lengthy article published by the Washington Post on February 22.

In a moment, Mr. President, I shall ask unanimous consent that portions of that article be printed in the RECORD at the conclusion of my remarks.

But before I do that, let me summarize the fascinating Christian witness of Rev. Shirley Caesar, pastor of Mount Calvary Word of Faith Church in my hometown of Raleigh, N.C.

The Washington Post described Pastor Caesar this way:

On weekdays, (Pastor) Caesar, with a record number of nine gospel Grammys—hits the road to share her voice with those who come to hear her music and witness her presence as a legendary performer on stages across America. But on Sundays she returns to a plain maple pulpit in a simple white-washed church—comes home, not far from where she was born, to her husband of 15 years, Bishop Harold Ivory Williams, and preaches, ministers to everyday problems, and hears the refrains.

Mr. President, I have selected several paragraphs from the Washington Post story of February 22, 1998, and shortly ask unanimous consent that this information be published in the RECORD at the conclusion of my remarks.

But before I make that formal request, let me extend my personal welcome to the Senate's remarkable guest chaplain for this day. I am proud of her and at the first opportunity, Dot Helms and I intend to worship one Sunday morning with Reverend Caesar.

Now, Mr. President, I make the formal unanimous consent request that I mentioned a minute or so ago.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

EXCERPTS OF WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE ABOUT REV. CAESAR

Small in stature and verging on 60, she is almost dwarfed by the pulpit. So she moves out, microphone in hand, her stylish pumps gleaming signals that the spirit is lifting this room of 400 people who pray, jump to their feet and sweat with their pastor.

She embraces a niece who has survived a bout with drugs.

"The things she used to do, she don't do no more," Caesar says. Sounds like the beginnings of a song to lift up. A black handkerchief wipes her brow.

"I want to be ready," she says. "I don't want Him to come here and find me getting ready," she says. She is ready to rise.

She says of her calling, "I don't want it to be said, I wonder where Shirley Caesar is, I wonder if she is still singing. I am. I believe that singing and preaching go together like ham and eggs. So I just praise God that I am still here."

Meanwhile, for 40 years, first with the famous Caravans, then as a solo performer, Caesar has been one of the most energetic and popular performers in the music

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business. In the gospel world, she is the bridge between pioneers like Mahalia Jackson and Clara Ward; she rode the tidal wave of Edwin Hawkins and James Cleveland and now shares a national spotlight with the Young Turks of gospel, Vickie Winans and Kirk Franklin.

Like Ella Fitzgerald, she puts her stamp on songs, and they never sound the same again—from works by such gospel masters as Thomas A. Dorsey to religious verses by Bob Dylan. She performs songs, many of which she writes, that are highly personal—they reveal complicated lives lived by people who may not have money, love or opportunity but who do have faith.

In many of her songs, Caesar starts with a vignette of crisis, sometimes with just the piano or organ in back of her.

"Have you ever walked the floor/all night long/wondering how you were going to pay your bills?" she sings at the beginning of the wonderful "You're Next in Line for a Miracle."

She repeats the lyrics, her raw voice demanding emotional response.

"Get ready for your miracle/Move to the front of the line/Today is your day . . . get ready, get ready, you are next in line for a miracle—a miracle!"

The orchestration expands and the choir sings the refrain above Caesar's "Hallelujahs." On Wednesday, "A Miracle in Harlem," nominated for best traditional soul gospel album, might win her a 10th Grammy. (She has also been nominated more times than any other gospel artist.) From the religious music community, she has won 15 Dove Awards and 10 Stellar Awards.

Not confined to music arenas and churches, Caesar has done four Broadway shows and contributed to the movie soundtracks of "The Preacher's Wife" and "Rosewood." In the spring, she's scheduled to make a guest appearance on UPN's "Good News," and her autobiography is scheduled for publication in May. When Dylan was chosen as a Kennedy Center honoree last year, he asked that Caesar sing his "Gotta Serve Somebody." Caesar likes the fact that the salute portion of the night ended as she shouted "Jesus!"

SCHEDULE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, today the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1415, the tobacco legislation. There are several amendments still pending to the bill, and it is hoped those issues can be disposed of at an early hour so that the Senate can consider additional amendments to the tobacco bill.

Rollcall votes, therefore, are expected throughout today's session of the Senate. As a reminder to all Members, there are a number of items that the Senate may also resume, or begin, or both, including the Department of Defense authorization bill, the conference reports as they may become available, and any appropriations bills that are ready for action. As always, other executive or legislative matters may be considered as they are cleared.

On behalf of the majority leader, I thank my colleagues for their attention.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that with respect to the tobacco legislation the debate be in order only until 10:30 this morning.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANTORUM). Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be permitted to proceed as if in morning business for approximately 5 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Maine is recognized.

Ms. COLLINS. I thank the Chair.

RACE FOR THE CURE

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, in the short time that I will take to deliver these remarks, a woman will be diagnosed with breast cancer. And every 12 minutes, a woman will die from it.

Just this past year, breast cancer has touched my life twice: one member of staff, aged 37, and the spouse of another member of my staff both developed breast cancer. Watching these women in their daily struggles has been a heart-wrenching experience as well as a call to action.

I know that several of my colleagues' lives have also been personally touched by breast cancer. The senior Senator from Maine, OLYMPIA SNOWE, lost her mother to breast cancer at a tragically young age. Throughout her career in Congress, Senator SNOWE has been a tireless advocate for breast cancer awareness and increased funding for research. Her leadership on this issue has been invaluable—even lifesaving—for countless women across the country.

Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in women in the United States. However, when breast cancer is detected early and treated promptly, suffering and the loss of life can be significantly reduced.

Approximately one out of every eight women will develop breast cancer during her lifetime. In 1998 alone, an estimated 180,200 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. Even more disturbing, breast cancer is the leading cause of death among women aged 35 to 54.

Washingtonians will have the opportunity to call attention to breast cancer and raise much-needed research dollars when the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation hosts its 9th annual National Race for the Cure on Saturday, June 6.

Those of us who work on Capitol Hill have an added opportunity to contribute to the cure for breast cancer thanks to a challenge grant from Eli Lilly and Company. The third annual Lilly Capitol Hill Challenge will match the registration fees for all members of Congress, their spouses, and staff who participate in the National Race for

the Cure. Since 1996, Lilly and Capitol Hill have raised \$200,000 for breast cancer prevention, research, and treatment—75% of which stays in the DC metropolitan area.

Two weeks ago, all the women in the Senate joined me in circulating a "Dear Colleague" letter encouraging Members of Congress and staff to take advantage of Lilly's generous offer and register for this year's race. And I would like to let my colleagues know that it is not too late to participate. Late registrations are being accepted up until Friday evening at 6:30 in the lobby of the Department of Commerce.

Today, I rise to the floor to once again encourage my colleagues to alert members of their staff, their families and friends to this valuable opportunity to support the Komen Foundation and Race for the Cure on June 6th.

Thank you, Mr. President. I yield the floor.

NATIONAL TOBACCO POLICY AND YOUTH SMOKING REDUCTION ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1415, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1415) to reform and restructure the processes by which tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed, to prevent the use of tobacco products by minors, to redress the adverse health effects of tobacco use, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Gregg/Leahy amendment No. 2433 (to amendment No. 2420), to modify the provisions relating to civil liability for tobacco manufacturers.

Gregg/Leahy amendment No. 2434 (to amendment No. 2433), in the nature of a substitute.

Gramm motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance and with instructions to report back forthwith, with amendment No. 2436, to modify the provisions relating to civil liability for tobacco manufacturers, and to eliminate the marriage penalty reflected in the standard deduction and to ensure the earned income credit takes into account the elimination of such penalty.

Daschle (for Durbin) amendment No. 2437 (to amendment No. 2436), relating to reductions in underaged tobacco usage.

Daschle (for Durbin) amendment No. 2438 (to amendment No. 2437), of a perfecting nature.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, over the course of today we will continue our discussions and debate on the pending tobacco legislation, a topic that has been the focus of much of our activity over the past several weeks, a focus which I hope will become increasingly addressed over this week. I ask that amendments that are talked about being introduced are actually brought